

Address to the Youngmen  
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Preface dated June 1937Preface

Previously I have published the "Outline of the National System of Advancing Great Japan," to which many responded asking me to give them an easier explanation. This book is my answer to them.

The present Japanese youngmen of twenty or thirty in age are said to be patients from Marxism. In this book I have tried to analyze Marxism to make them well again.

If you look on Japan standing in Europe it seems as if a pillar of fire is standing, blazing toward the sky. This is what people say when they come back from abroad these days. However, if you look at Japan from inside, she lacks an organic system. Those who are in governing posts possess no insight as well as the youngmen are not fully conscious of their own thinking. On account of this fact I feel that in the national government, economy and culture there is something growing yet not active enough to grow fully in all directions.

Facing the tide of advancing Japan, rising Japan, I sincerely wish its whole Japanese youngmen to bravely stand up.

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Chapter I Fall of Material Civilization.

(p.1) 1. A dreadful worldwide big event is happening now in the dark and in silence. The February 26th Incident tacitly or the Spanish Civil War is nothing but small phenomena of the big event. That big event is the fact that the modern civilization in which we are actually living has now begun to fall. (He says 150 years were spent for building up the modern civilization).

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(p.2) 2. Material civilization is nothing but the means to fulfill the material wants within our physical selves, i.e., how to get things to eat, to live in and to clothe with. The modern civilization exceeds anything else in the richness of material life. Compare the living conditions of the people 150 years ago with the present day people, and you will see.

(p.3) 3. 150 years ago people had only human power, cattle and other primitive instruments to produce daily necessities, while the people nowadays have steam, electricity, gasoline and very complicated machines.

(p.4) 4. (He gives Howard Scott's division in age in industrial history.) In the height of this material civilization Karl Marx was born. He was astonished at the sight of development in industrial capacity, and built up a theory of struggle among social classes. The world responded in agreement with him and exhibited an ugly sight of "family fighting" /internecine struggle/. His theory is too old. He said, "The value of merchandise is the labour," while the time passed on into the age of automatic machinery.

(p.6) 5. (Description of the industrial civilization and modern factories in America).

(p.10) 6-7. In spite of abundant production there are people starving to death. Here lies the cause of the fall of the material civilization.

## Chapter II Destruction of the World of Liberalism

(p.12) 1. A great mistake which the leaders in the material civilization made is that they overestimated the material wants of human beings. It is a motive power, but cannot be a suitable leading power in the society.

(p.13) 2. Economically speaking, under liberalism general 15 people are left hungry on account of profit-making system of those who actually carry on production work.

(p.16) 3. Politically, they consider democracy the best but it is not always true that what great many people consider best shall be the best. From the view point of political knowledge, the best informed person exists only one in the country, and two or three of the next best and then as the number increases the grade lowers, showing the fact that the lowest are the greatest in number. This is clearly shown in the party administration. In order to hold the reins of the government they have to be the greatest in number and for this purpose they have to secure support from the lowest class among whom there are many who are much more anxious for their own profit than for the good of the country. Such is far away from the constitutional

government. Political liberalism has shown its inferior nature at the same time when the party government came to destruction. What shall we do then? Concerning the true and righteous national government, which shall take place of liberalistic government. I shall explain later on together with controlled economy which shall take place of liberal economy.

(p.16) 4. Socially speaking liberalism results, after all, in "the weak falling a prey to the strong." Their motto "equality" was strong enough to take privilege away from peers and priests in the past age but totally powerless against capitalists who could exercise their privilege lawfully under liberalism and equalism. Labourers have become slaves of capitalists under liberalism. But these labourers should be liberal.

(p.20) 5. When the crisis came to the old civilization, whose keynote was liberalism, there appeared Marxism. Marxists have ascribed all the evil to capitalism, but the evil lies in the material civilization itself. Capitalism is nothing but means to economically carry out materialism. Marx's Communism may be able to strengthen liberalistic material civilization but it can not establish an order for a new world. Thus Marxism has been obliged to quit the stage having played its part to increase darkness and misery of the world in fighting.

(p.21) 6. The materialistic liberalism caused one class to exploit another within a country. Internationally it brought forth a most cruel exploiting among different races. This was manifested in the Great European War (the first World War). After all the cause of the war was fighting among imperialistic countries for robbing colonies of each other. Economically speaking it is capitalistic countries fighting for material. Since the War, what happened in the past 20

(p.23) years show the self-paradox and evil in the old civilization. What does the worldwide panic, which has swept over the whole globe, like a storm, mean? What do the revolutions of the general public in various countries signify? Whence is the movement for building countries according to races? Thus the old civilization and world system are driven to a corner where they must settle the whole accounts. If they postpone it indefinitely the second World War is unavoidable, and the crisis is approaching every minute. Where will the new civilization come from to govern the new age, and what kind of national systems will it organize in the whole world? In order to find these we have to look back the world history beginning with its first page and drive away old dreams with eyes wide open.

## Chapter III Material Civilization and Spiritual Culture.

(p.24) 1. The present world is under the white peoples' despotic control. They have conquered the four-fifths of the globe. Japan alone is standing bravely against them. In places where no Japanese influence reaches people are suppressed and exploited by the white men under their iron whip and bewildering gold.

(p.25) Why have the Europeans become the controller and the Asiatics become their slaves? Lord Roseberry in his lecture in the Glasgow College said that God bestowed the white men with a sacred right to control the world. This most frankly expresses the white men's hearts. Their pride is the consciousness that they are superior races chosen by God and they should look down on coloured races as not much different from cows and horses. What made the white men so proud is their unusual growth in the last 300 years owing to the material civilization in Europe and in the face of it its Asiatic spiritual civilization has completely faded away. Does it mean that Asiatic civilization always inferior to the European? Here we must break off their haughty noses with the evidences in the history.

(p.26) 2. The 3000 years' civilized history tells that Europe and Asia have shown their respective superiority each other, and the last 300 years have been their turn to show it. The fact that from such a mere incident they conclude that they are superior forever, shows their lack of intelligence. Therefore I shall give summary of the fighting between the European and Asian races in the world history.

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(p.29) 4. After a long submission of Europe (Greece) under Asia (Persia), Alexander the Great stood up. Why he was able to make Greece prosper was because he took in the Asiatic spirit and culture in his country.

(p.30) 5. Rising of the Roman Empire.

(p.31) 6. Mongolian invasion in Europe. Attila is an Asiatic Caesar or Napoleon. Do you call one here when he makes a massacre in the southern Africa, and do you call another a devil when he leads a triumphant troop into Europe?

(p.34) 7. In the 8th Century comes the Mohammedans' invasion into Europe from Arabia. The modern European civilization has mostly been originated in the Mohammedan civilization. It is true that white men are controlling the world now, but they were for a long time students to the Asiatics in spiritual culture and natural science which has built the basis of the whitemen's world-controlling today. They make fun of the Japanese calling them a copying people. They got their religion from Jesus Christ, a Hebrew, and their science from Mohammedans, and how can they laugh at the Japanese people?

(p.36) 8. The Mongolian Empire was built by Jingisukan and to this empire the European countries had sent contributions from time to time. Russia was under Mongolian control since then. The past 300 years were the age of European control, but the 300 years prior to it was the Asiatics' controlling age. Who dares prophesy as to the coming 300 years?

(p.39) 9. Why did the Europeans decidedly gain in the 17th Century.

(p.41) 10. What Asiatic spirit aspires for is spiritual and one wholeness, while the Europeans worked on individual branches of material research, with self-confidence that they could accomplish all the investigation in the material world from the celestial orbs to a bacillus. They have been successful in this and the result is their conquer over the whole world.

(p.43) 11. Does this mean that spiritualism is to be always trodden over by materialism? No, what was defeated in degenerated Asiatic spirit and not the Asiatic spirit itself.

(p.44-47) 12. Glorious Indian civilization and its fall.

(p.47) 13. The last question is who will control the coming age. In order to answer this question, we must tell about a country which situates in a corner of Asia. She has really Asiatic characteristics and yet at the same time she is possessed of the strong points of the European spirit in a miraculous combination.

## Chapter IV What is the Japanese Spirit?

(p.49) 1. Conservatism of Asia became a big cause of the fall of Asia because it has misled the Asiatic Continent having preserved what was already useless. Japan is a country of the profound conservatism having 3000 years' history with its polity (Kokutai) never changed. At the same time she is a country of wonderful progressivism. Every thought, every civilization with which she came across she has taken in willingly and made it her own constituents.

(p.53) 2. How Japan took in Confusianism and other Chinese morals, and how they preserved those practically in "Bushido" (knighthood), Sado (Tea making spirit), Kado (Flower arrangement art).

(p.55) 3. How Japan adopted Buddhism. It is after Buddhism became Japanized that it was counted as one of the greater religions of the world. It was born in India and grew up in Japan just as Christianity originated in Judea and attained its growth in Europe.

(p.56- 59) 4. Japan is the leader in Asia not in her administrative ability but also in the culture, in spite of the Europeans' calling Japan a copy-cat.

5. They blame Japan being exclusive, anti-foreigner in attitude, especially on the following:

- a. Prohibition of Christianity to be promulgated in Toyotomi and Tokugawa ages.
- b. The national isolation policy during the Tokugawa reign of 300 years.
- c. "Exclusion of foreigners" slogan with which the Meiji restoration was undertaken.

(Here he gives comments on each item).

(p.63) 6. Japan has now come to face a great day when she is to show her greatness, by digesting all the good of foreign countries and with profound belief in the national polity (Kokutai).

(p.66) 7. Japan adopted Chinese culture. Tenji Emperor was most welcomed it. Still it was not blindly taken in but thoroughly digested and the purity of Kokutai was ever kept on. What was possible 1250 years ago can't be denounced as impossible today.

(p.69) 8. A world leading theory is going to be born from Japan. In the past 6000 years there was no chance for the eastern and western civilization to unite, but time has come, for the first time, for the two to completely unite in Japan.

#### Chapter V. The Real Principle of the Polity (Kokutai)

(p.74) 1-2. The present world is in the reformation age. The country that started this work was Russia, and the next was Italy and then Germany. England and America are also now busy for it. Whether such reformation may be successful in building up new Japan or not, depends on whether this movement has footing on the Japanese Kokutai or not.

(p.79) 3. Why I advocate the returning of the people to the real Japanese Kokutai is because Kokutai is the life of the country.

(p. 81) 4. In founding this country Amaterasu goddess (the Sun Goddess) told her grandson that Japan shall be a land for her posterity to reign forever. In Japan the Emperor, the land and the nation compose one body. Emperor Jimmu made declaration that he would unite the world under himself. Emperor Meiji also stated in his educational rescript that his instructions were right to be observed both within and without the boundary of the country.

(p.83) 5. In Japan the Emperor is regarded as sacred being the object of the national worship, which fact is unique.

(p.86) 6. There is no equivalent of "Kokutai" in English, German or French. In Japan Kokutai was kept on unchanged regardless of changes in Seitai (political form), which is also historically unique.

(p.89) 7. The reason why our Kokutai is unique lies in the fact that our Kokutai stands above other countries. For the long age covering the period after the Taika Reformation until the time of the Meiji Restoration, political administering power away from the Emperor generally, but nevertheless those who had it, had to pledge their piety to the Emperor. Otherwise they had not been able to reign the country since peoples' heart was always with the Emperor.

(p.90) 8. The Meiji Restoration was a crisis for Japan. America was not the only one to invade Japan. Russia, England and France were ready to invade Asia with battleships on the southern China Sea. Their real aim was the China continent which had been said to contain infinite treasures. However, in order to reach it they considered it is necessary to

secure the Japanese islands. In order to get through the crisis Japanese people had to get together under the Emperor and they had to return to their original form of Kokutai giving back political administrating power to the Emperor from the Tokugawa feudal government.

(p.93) 9. Since the time of the Manchurian Incident we are living in an emergent age. It is nothing to be afraid of. It is the time when we must return to the original spirit of the Japanese country and unificate religion, morals, thoughts, administration, economy, armament and science under Emperor and start on a new progress.

#### Chapter VI. Advancing Economic System.

(p.95) 1. Our Kokutai is something living and is growing every moment and is to develop forever. Then how are we to accomplish the eternal development?

According to politics and legislation imported from Europe and America a country is made of a sovereign, territory and people who are subject to the sovereign because they can not be otherwise. In Japan people obey the Emperor willingly. The people not only obey but also would like to help the Emperor in any respect possible. First we must (p.98) consider how we can realize our special Kokutai spirit in the economic life of the nation.

2. We must produce valuable things not for earning money but for sufficing the wants of the nation. The first duty of the national economy is to stabilize the living of the nation. The object of the national economy is to attain the way to suffice the peoples' wants to the greatest extent.

(p.101) 3. The object of economy is to be fulfilled at the time when produced materials are consumed. The aim of the national economy is to supply what has been produced to those who do not possess it, as much as possible. The population of Japan is nearly 100,000,000 and those who have enough are only one hundredth and 900,000,000 are left without enough to live. It means the children of the Emperor are left hungry. Do not worry over the fact that wealth is small, but remember to distribute it among those who are poor, then the economic value of the national wealth will greatly increase. In reality the situation is just opposite. Those who have enough, have power to acquire still more, while those who have not enough have no power to get any more. Why such a wrong situation exists?

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(p.104) 4. One of the unredeemable weak points in the present economic system is unevenness of wealth distribution. Marx explains how this happened by his theory of exploitation. Marx's so-called value is exchange value.

(p.108) 5. The reason why Marx explained his theory on Labor value is to develop his surplus value theory, i.e. his plan to testify his premise that capital is composed of exploitation of labour. (General economic discussions are given after this.)

(p.154) He (HASHIMOTO) provokes foreign trade to be put under national control so that enough commodities shall be left within the empire to more fully suffice the wants of general people. Thus economy naturally should come into national policy.

#### Chapter VII. Japan of the World, the World of Japan.

(p.157) 1. Japan of Japan, Japan of the World, the World of Japan. This is our idea. Japan was busy to build up real Japan if Japan in the beginning of Meiji. She started on her way to be Japan in the world since the time of Japan-China War. Now Japan must bring about the World of Japan. The Manchurian incident is a heavenly instruction to Japan to fulfill her ultimate mission.

(p.159) 2. There are four countries which we must keep watching today. They are China, Soviet Russia, United States of America and the English Empire which presses Japan from the south. Which is our friend and which is our enemy cannot be determined at once.

(p.163) 3. The lands on the globe are very unfairly distributed among 2,000,000,000 population, one-third of which is the white men, another one-third is the yellow men and the rest one-third is of various races. The 87 per cent of land is occupied by 650,000,000 white men.

(P.165-186) 4,5,6,7,8. Japan is given a very small piece of land compared with the number of population, i.e. 141 persons living per one kilometer square while American population density is 14 persons. This results in poverty, and average age of death is lower than other countrymen and that is getting lower and lower every year. There are only three doors left to Japan to get through, the first being emigration, and our emigrants worked hard wherever they went, but they were completely shut out after having made wilderness fertile farms because they worked efficiently for low wages (America). Canada prohibited Japanese

emigrants from the beginning. Australia also did not let Japanese in, keeping the policy to leave the land only to Englishmen. Thus Japan has been left to starve, and now she tried the second door for living on, and it was sending merchandises to world markets, making towns and villages industrial stations. Thus Japan has become an industrial country. However this was again defeated by boycotting for the reason that Japan sold good articles at low prices.

(p.187) 9. Now no other door is left for Japan but to enlarge her territory. This does not mean occupation of other countries' lands, but since all the world powers suppress Japan, Japanese and her merchandise, she has to secure some land outside of the sea where Japanese capital, skill and labour can work freely without whitemen's oppression. We shall be satisfied with it. They have closed the first two doors against Japan. How can they blame Japan to run out for survival through the third and the last door. If they don't like it they should open the first two doors. Thus the Manchurian Incident happened in September 1931. As soon as this incident happened all the powers blamed Japan. We never took land away from any country. Manchukuo has been built up as the result of the Japanese activities in Lanchuria and she is now prospering. I want to ask white men's countries who are they that sent warships and armed forces to India, South Africa, Australia, etc., and killed the natives and declared occupation of the land and kept the possession on till today? They will say that these were lands of barbarians who did not know how to dig out treasures buried in the earth; it is heavenly will to have these treasures come to light for the benefit of human beings. It is a convenient argument for them, but we shall accept it and at the same time we shall ask them another question. If there remain lands with natural resources abundantly buried, and yet they have not yet cultivated by white men, is it not also following the heavenly will that we Japanese go to such lands and cultivate it for the benefit of human beings? Such lands exist quite a lot. The East Indies are an example.

10. Here the author gives description of the South Sea Islands.

(p.193) 11-12. What we demand is not nominal territory but lands where our labor, skill, merchandise and capital can work actively. If Japan be determined to extend southward, she would at once meet opposition from England who, with her enormous naval forces, is fortifying the seas and lands there, although the East Indies nominally belong to Holland.

(p.197) 13-14. We shall be successful in organizing such lands outside of the country as we shall have the natives take organic system and unify them under the Emperor, giving everybody the same privilege.

(p.201) 15. We must, at this time, study the fundamental meaning of armament. We absolutely deny the aggressive Imperialism. Imperialism is the real devil to bring the present world to destruction. Other powers may arm themselves for whatever causes they like. However we must not bring even one child of our Emperor to death in exercising Imperialism. Our army and navy are personally controlled by the Emperor and are the means to show the dignity of our country of gods. Our future arming must be based on air forces. (He explains the superiority of air forces to army and navy forces).

#### Chapter VIII. Establishment of Pure Japan.

(p.207) 1. We are facing the gravest time in the world history so far, for if it is left as it is the whole world is now to be destroyed. At this momentus time a message has been given to Japan, so we must purify the country.

2-3. In order to make the country really steadfast, purity of the country must be kept.

(p.213) 4. According to the original Japanese polity government of many parties must be dispelled.

(p.215) 5. Real Japanese constitutional government shall be carried on by general national mobilization to help the Emperor's work.

(p.217- 6. Germany and Italy have been able to establish a  
219)real strong government when organized under one authority.

7. The Dai Nihon Seinento (the Japanese youngmen's party) has been organized to fulfill the great message at this time, i.e., with full knowledge of the real meaning of administration, being thoroughly fair and disinterested in spirit, pious to the Emperor, lead the nation under righteous organization and training, aiming at one party in a country.

Patriotic young men, now let us start on a great advancement of our Japan!

## S U P P L E M E N T

(p.56) 4. Thus Japan became an origin of the Asian spiritual culture. Strictly speaking, even if the other countries vanish out of the world, the Asian spiritual culture will be firmly kept in safe so far as Japan survives.

(p.61) 5. Japan had Shintoism, Confucianism and Buddhism, so it is natural that Japan prohibited the childish Christianity because she has profound religions.

(p.83) 5. The "Ten-no" means a man-god in Japan. Having their Ten-no over them, our ancestors established Japan. At the present the Europeans and Americans seem to be unable to understand that regarding our Ten-no as a god we have made him the object of worship of our racial religion. Hereupon, we want to ask them in return. If they laugh at our faith that our lives are Ten-no's possessions, why do the British people pledge fealty to the flag of Union Jack, and why do the American people kneel and worship the flag of stars and stripes? Because they have no Ten-no, they were compelled to find the object of their national faith before the flags which is made only of cloth and paint.

(p.212) 4. Our administrative deeds are unified into one. The Emperor has the supreme power of governing Japan. When we exercise the political power, we must follow to our Emperor's intention. There can not be two ways in the government as if there can't be two suns in the sky. The spirit that we should obey the Emperor should be terribly absolute. So there can't be two political intentions in Japan. There can't be a reason why two political parties are permitted to exist. Namely, there is only one party. Accordingly, we resolutely reject the old many political parties system and assert that mobilizing our whole nation we must form our single intention by which we can help out Emperor's task. When there is established the only one political party by the national mobilization and we accept our responsibility with our fealty to our Emperor, the pure governing of pure Japan can be done.

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/p.187/ 9. We have already said that there are only three ways left to Japan to escape from the pressure of surplus population. Our situation is like that of several dozens of people crammed into a small room of about sixty feet square. And there are only three doors of escape left open for us, namely emigration, inroads into world markets, and expansion of territories. The first door, emigration, has been slammed in our faces by the anti-Japanese immigration policy of other countries. The second door, inroads into world markets, also is being pushed back by high tariff walls, and the abrogation of commercial treaties.

What must JAPAN do when two of the three doors have been closed against her?

It is quite a natural force of circumstances for Japan to rush to the last door remaining open.

It may sound dangerous when we speak of territorial expansion, but the territorial expansion which we have in mind does not necessarily mean the occupation of other countries' territories, the planting of the Japanese flag thereon and the declaration of their annexation to JAPAN. It simply means that since the powers of the world have gone too far in suppressing the penetration of Japanese materials and merchandise abroad, we are looking for a place somewhere beyond the seas where Japanese capital, skill and labour can have free play without the oppression of the white race.

We shall be satisfied with this much. What moral rights have the world powers which have already closed with their own hands the two doors of emigration and inroads into world markets to criticize Japan's attempt to rush out of the third door open to her?

If they do not approve of this, they should open the doors which they themselves had closed against us and permit freedom of activity abroad to Japanese emigrants and merchandise.

Thus, the Manchurian Incident suddenly broke out in September of Showa 6 /1931/

With the outbreak of the Manchurian Incident,

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the whole world criticized JAPAN. They vilified JAPAN as an outrageous country, which had wantonly carried cannons and machine guns into the territory of another country, flown aeroplanes over it, and finally occupied Manchuria. However, the military action taken by JAPAN was not at all an arbitrary one. And we have no recollection of ever having stolen an inch of territory from other countries. What grew up as the result of the incident was a newly born empire, MANCHURIA. The Great World Powers are still talking about the recognition or non-recognition of this new nation, but whether the other countries recognize her or not, the MANCHURIA Empire has already been established and, with the lapse of seven years since its creation the empire is further consolidating its foundation with the assistance of Japan, her friend.

And if it is still insisted that our actions in MANCHURIA were violent, I would like to ask the white races as follows: which country is it that sent warships and troops to INDIA, SOUTH AFRICA and AUSTRALIA, killed the innocent natives, bound their hands and feet with iron chains, whipped their backs with iron whips, proclaimed possession of these territories and still continue to possess them?

They will invariably reply to this as follows: These territories were all inhabited by barbarians, who did not know how to develop the abundant underground natural resources for the benefit of mankind. Therefore it was the wish of God, who created heaven and earth for mankind for us to develop the undeveloped land, and promote the happiness of mankind in their stead. It is the will of Providence.

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This is a very convenient argument for them. Let us, however, accept it as it is. Then we must again ask them in return as follows: Then, suppose there is still on this earth land endowed with abundant underground natural resources which has not yet been developed at all by the white race, would it not be God's wishes and Providence's will for the Japanese to go over there and develop it for the well-being of mankind?

And there still remain many many lands of this kind on this earth.

The SOUTH SEAS ISLANDS are one example.  
10. The SOUTH SEAS ISLANDS are located at a very short distance from the southernmost point of FORMOSA. They are also located at a point where they can be reached by motor fishing boats from our SOUTH SEAS MANDATED ISLANDS.

There are large islands, such as BORNEO, CELEBES and NEW GUINEA scattered throughout the seas. We call them islands, but in reality BORNEO and NEW GUINEA are large islands, larger than the whole of JAPAN.

The Netherlands is the titular owner of most of these islands, and thus they are called NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES. However, what the Dutch have actually developed is the small island of JAVA only, the other islands being left almost untouched. The Netherlands, even if they wished, find their hands full with the island of JAVA alone, and have no reserve power for the development of the other islands.

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Let us look at the chart of the area and population of the NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

Section	Area (sq. mi)	Population
JAVA and MADURA	51,057	41,718,335
SUMATRA	163,093	7,661,399
RIAUW and LINGGA	12,503	,298,329
BANKA ISL.	4,548	205,433
BILLITON ISL.	1,872	73,409
DUTCH BORNEO	206,061	2,194,533
CELEBES	73,160	4,226,586
MOLUCCAS (1)	192,402	893,030
TIMOR	24,530	1,656,636
BALI and LOMBOK	4,070	1,802,146
TOTAL	733,296	60,729,836

Note: (1) includes DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

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The island of Java (including Madura) has a population of 41,700,000 or seventy percent of the total population of the NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, in spite of the fact that it is a small island with an area of 51,000 sq. miles, or about one fifteenth of the total area. It can be seen from this fact that Java alone is the only cultivated island in the whole NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES and that, if the other islands were developed to even half the extent of JAVA, they would be capable of accomodating a population of over 100,000,000.

Furthermore, these islands contain forests in the mountains, fertile virgin lands in the plains, fish in the seas, and abundant petroleum, coal, iron and other underground natural resources.

If these islands had been inhabited by superior races like the Japanese, there would have appeared a second Japan and a third JAPAN in these islands. Such large islands are scattered in the seas south of Japan within calling distance. The greater part of them is left in a completely undeveloped state. If the underground resources had souls, they would cry out each night for some one to come and dig them out and use them for the benefit of mankind in a bright world. And on the other hand, the Japanese who are most skilled in developing undeveloped lands are confined in a small territory which has been developed even up the slopes of its close crowding mountains, and struggling under the pressure of surplus population.

/p.193/ In such a case is it the will of God to send a part of this surplus population to these undeveloped lands freely develop a new world and contribute to mankind by developing their underground resources, or is it the will of God to not only leave these abundant resources to remain to no purpose in the earth but also to make a superior people like the Japanese die on the road, within their own tiny territory?

It is needless to waste many words, for the answer should be quite clear.

11. For this reason we demand lands in the north, south, east and west of JAPAN where the Japanese people may freely develop their powers. What we seek is not nominal territories, but a new land where Japanese labour and technology and merchandise and capital may freely display without any persecution their activities and develop the riches now lying idle. We loudly call upon the whole world for such lands.

However, let us turn our thoughts to the time when JAPAN makes up her mind and starts her southward development. We must be prepared to encounter a great obstacle lying obstinately in our way. Although the Netherlands owns the greater part of the SOUTH SEA ISLANDS, the actual power which protects these islands is the BRITISH EMPIRE, which boasts of the greatest navy in the world.

/p.194/ ENGLAND is a nation which for many centuries up to this time has maintained her peculiar traditions as a firm and immovable national policy. This national policy is to never allow the existence of any power as great as herself.

It was for this reason that Britain defeated Napoleon in the Battle of WATERLOO and exiled this hero to the solitary solitary island of ST. HELENA to die in agony, after Napoleon had appeared in France and subjugated the greater part of EUROPE thereby raising FRANCE'S national prestige to the level of ENGLAND.

ENGLAND was again the ring-leader which defeated GERMANY in World War I, when the national strength of Germany, following the appearance of its great statesman, Bismarck, who constructed the German Empire, grew to such an extent as to rival that of England.

In recent times, it was ENGLAND again which tried to stop Italy's great undertaking by talking over the League of Nations and concentrating naval forces in the MEDITERRANIAN, when Italy, under the daring hero, Mussolini, attempted to extend her power to ETHIOPIA.

Such has been the traditional national policy of ENGLAND. We would be making a great mistake if we think that this ENGLAND would make an exception for Japan's southward advance.

Therefore, before we aspire to effect overseas development, we must make a great resolution. If we are thoughtless enough to plan this advance without this preparation, our scheme would show a reckless failure to understand history.

/p.195/ 12. Nevertheless, we call upon the world for our right to expand overseas. We demand this because, unless we are to starve willy-nilly in this small island country, the only way out of it is to effect overseas development by seeking new lands in the wide world around us.

As already stated the world has no moral right to deny us this right.

Of course, it would be out of the question if the Japanese race were an inferior race without the ability to develop new lands and without the qualifications to govern. However, the superior ability of the Japanese race has already been tested.

What did the white men say twenty seven years ago when we annexed KOREA? At that time they were so self-conceited as to believe that the white race alone had the qualifications to be masters of the world. And so they said that 20,000,000 alien people lived in the KOREAN PENINSULA, that there had been in world history not a single instance of successful rule over such a great number of alien people; that although India was inhabited by 300,000,000 natives, they were divided from top to bottom by races, religions and castes; that it was a difficult task even for the white men to rule an alien people of 20,000,000 in bloc, and that any attempt by the Japanese people, who belong to the colored races, to rule KOREA was bound to fail and would be given up in despair. Thus did they laugh and sneer at us.

But look at KOREA as she is now. Where in the world is there an overseas land better ruled and whose people enjoy more peace and industrial development than Korea? What an earthly paradise Korea is under Japanese rule as compared with INDIA where the only method of rule the rulers know is to oppress the native inhabitants with iron chains and iron whips..

Let us further examine this in FORMOSA. Japan's FORMOSA and the United States' PHILIPPINES are separated from each other by only a narrow strip of water. And yet our rule of Formosa proved highly successful within only ten years since its possession, and Formosa is now counted as one of our richest lands. On the other hand, the Philippines proved too much for the UNITED STATES,

forcing her to throw up her hands in despair and give consent to its independence.

Facts speak most eloquently. It is only a dream of days gone by that only the white men are entitled to rule the world. The facts show plainly which of the two, the white men or the Japanese are better qualified to develop overseas lands.

Of course, we do not wholly extol our past rule of KOREA and FORMOSA. There are too many defects to enumerate here. And yet in spite of these defects we must say that lands developed and peoples ruled by such a superior race as the Japanese are fortunate compared with those under the tyrannical rule of the white men.

We are able to state these facts to the whole world with no diffidence whatever.

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然の事あれども唯一の門扉に向かへば、其の内は日本  
が、一口に領土擴張へば、御脇に聞こえが知らぬ  
がわれ等々が、領土擴張には、必ず一國の領  
土を占領して、之に日本旗を打ち樹て、これは日本  
が、領土であるし、宣言はすしては、ない。世界の國  
が、あります日本人と日本の商ひを、世界に立つ  
ことを圧迫するから、自己人種を迫害する。日本  
資本と技術と勞働力が、自由に活動する。が天

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拔草

橋本欽立即著

十七章 世界の日本、日本の世界 一八七頁 一九七頁

九.

さうかにやうは、日本が人口過剰を圧迫する、  
金は三つしかなりじと記した。は僅が十  
ばかりの体宣言にて、十人より小人間が、能能詠  
てゐやうある。そして之を脱小から門扉は、  
海外相手と商品進出を、領土擴張の三つがな。  
いに第一の海外通商門扉は諸國の  
日本が民排斥にて、どうとしに附にされて  
第二の商部准許の胸扉は、高木門扉設障壁と、  
三つめの外洋の貿易にて、遂に押しがへられてある。  
三つめの門扉が、二つまで鎖じられた日本はどう  
だらうが。

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地中海の外の何處かに水もござりてゐる。

地中海と高麗海峡を二つの門扉と自ら鎖をした  
列國が何の道徳的権利を以て、日本が二つの門扉  
を一通りして人にさること非難するのであるが。

其の事が厭ならば、自ら鎖を二つの門扉を解  
いて、日本が凡ての商ひに海外活動の自由を許せばよ  
うである。

ナニアラ昭和十九年九月、穴井也（満洲事務院）

2 満洲事變  
非難（日本）日本は世界は興味日本行動  
領土内に於に大砲や機関銃をひばり、飛行  
機を飛ばして、（満洲にて）日本にて行動等  
は日本を脅迫した。日本にて軍事行動は  
決して欲にやうにかけてはなし。またわれらは、寸地足上  
へども、他國の領土を奪つて貰ははれ、事變の  
結果、成立したのは、滿洲帝國といふ立派な新國  
である。さう新國を、列強はすく承認するに付  
く、（満洲帝國は）もと成り、建国以来は、  
七年を経て、方仰がる日本、援助の下に、  
基礎を築き、（了り）である。しかし、  
かく、小半は、小半は、満洲に於ける事。

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1900.4.8.7.6 行動が過激であるといふならば、われ等は自己人種の國々に向ひた。一体印度や南洋や洲に、勝手に軍艦や軍隊を送り、非公認の先住民族を銃殺し、彼等の脚を鍼灸に施し、背後から鐵の轍を打ちながら、その城はわれ等が占領した。これは我等の領土であると宣言して、今日まで有つづけた。その國は、一体ども國であるがと。しかし彼等は必ずしもがた答へる。

「小等の土代は、かく未開の蠻人の住むところである。然るに彼等は折角土中に埋まつてゐる宝物を開いて、世界人類の役に立てゝ術を知らない。」これが、彼等に代つて、未開の蠻の開拓者、人類の幸福を増進する者は、すなはち天帝を人類のためにつく。神様の田心台である。天帝の意をつけてある。

甚だ都合のいい議論である。しかしわれ等は、どう議論をえり、に勝敗をつくつてしまつた。一度、彼等に反対しなければならない。

3 里然ては假に、もし地球上に天消物産と豊富に埋藏せる土代があつて、それがまだ自己人種に何等開拓されてゐないならば、われ、日本民族がその土代に押へ満つて、これを世界人類の幸福のため開拓する者は、必ずしも神様の田心台であり、天帝の意である。中止せばならぬわけではあるまい。

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しかし地球上には、かうした土地がまだない。

南洋諸島の地理と（例）ある。

一。

南洋諸島は、本宣傳の南端から極めて近距離である。すなはち南洋委任治領地には、汽船、自動機船が往復できるほどであり、ある。

其處には本不才とか、セラスとか、エリヤなどといふ大な島々が、多く海上に點ててゐる。これは日本に近い小島といふ實は本不才やエリヤなど、かく日本が國として、より最も多く見て、まだがつりやうほどの大な島々である。

本不才島々の名前と、竹有者をなすものは、大半が日本和蘭に由來してゐる。蘭領東印度諸島の、いづれも小島、和蘭の實業開拓してゐるのは、さうした。小島じやう島だけであつて、本と大島々には、ほとんど手をつけられてゐない。開拓したくも和蘭に比ては、じやう島一つが手一つであつて、甚しき餘力がないものである。

試験に、小島蘭領東印度諸島の面積と人口を

表すが、

ジヤウ島々  
アズラ島

面積(平方里)

九、〇、九七

四、一、六、三三九

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島(島嶼)	面積(平方哩)	人口
スマトラ島	一六三、九三	二九八、三三九
リヨーリガ群島	一一、五〇三	二九八、三三九
バニカ島	四、五四八	二九八、三三九
リリトニ島	一、ハナニ	二九八、三三九
蘭領ダルネオ	二、ハナニ	二九八、三三九
セレベス島	一、ハナニ	二九八、三三九
モルック群島(II)	一九、二、一六〇	二九八、三三九
テイモル群島(II)	一九、二、一六〇	二九八、三三九
ハリ鳥久島	一、ハナニ	二九八、三三九
ロナガハリ島	一、ハナニ	二九八、三三九
計	一、ハナニ、一六〇、七二九、八三六	二九八、三三九
X	一、ハナニ、一六〇、七二九、八三六	二九八、三三九
三三、二九六	一、ハナニ、一六〇、七二九、八三六	二九八、三三九
二	一、ハナニ、一六〇、七二九、八三六	二九八、三三九
一	一、ハナニ、一六〇、七二九、八三六	二九八、三三九

すなはち、ジャヴァ島及びスマラ島(は蘭領東印度諸島)の面積は、九万一千一千平方哩、總面積の約十カ所の島にすぎない。小さな島であるにし拘はらず、總人口一千九千人、うち、十九割は田畠の四千一百七十万の人口間だ、この小島に住んでゐるが、以て蘭領東印度諸島は、つた、開拓されしるはジャワ島だけであり、若し他の島々も、せめてジャワの半島でも開拓されれば、かほ一億以上の人間が住み得る。土地であることを不<sup>レ</sup>判<sup>ル</sup>。

しかし、これらの島々は、山には森林あり、平地には豊穣なる處女地あり、海には魚貝あり、ナシトナ

176 中行、右田、石炭鐵、金銀、宝庫、萬貫。

Dec 48 すずせんじがねくのとくに日本へもとくに  
香港民族の生きる住むるには日本へもとくに  
日本帝国第三回日本連國が二ノ二日、より  
日本へもとくに香港へもとくに

（略）

かうに場合、この過剰人口の一部がうるま開拓者として新天地を開拓せられ、重んじたる宝庫を運び出され、世界人物の中に眞諦廿四孝天皇慈父の名が傳わる。小山の宝庫は、地中に埋蔵され、日本とヨーロッパの民族を統一する領土。それが、野重氏が、天皇からうけた。

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この故に日本は自由に活動する日本を大に、西に東に日本へは  
自由に活動する天を要求す。わざわざ日本は  
資源の豊富な領地ひけなく日本は労働力と技術と商品と  
資本とが何事も害をうけず自由に活動して  
空しく埋めだる宝庫を開いてきائنに自由に活動して  
わざわざかく、世界を全世界にわたって貿易を  
高く要求す。

しかし、これは日本が意を決して南方に發展を開始したりとせず。わざわざ日本は  
得が頗然として横はつてみことと覺悟をはな  
ばらう。

今は布洋の島々の大部の人々を領有してゐる  
和蘭とオランダは、これらを掌握する實力は世界  
第一の海軍力を誇り、大英帝國であるとしてゐる。  
英國と少國は、實力にて田心強んで、世界を確固不  
撓の國策にして、世界を掌握する力は、英國である。  
これは英國と肩を並べるやうな強大國は断然、  
地球上に十倍を許さない國である。  
今は佛蘭西に大にしオランダの大英連邦が現は  
れて、ヨーロッパ大陸の大部をも掌握してしまふ  
國威がまさに英國の墨と摩さんとした時に  
小をうたう。これは打ち破り、この勝利を英  
雄と、ヨーロッパの孤島に逃げ、ついに隠

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死せしめたところの國が英國である。

つゞ獨逸に、ビスマルクと、大政治家が現れて、獨逸帝國を建設し、その國勢が次第に隆興し、また英國と肩を並べんとした時、世界大戰に於てこれを散々に代襲叩きにした、その張本人すなばち英國である。

近くは梯せり豪快児ハリーニの率ゐる伊太利か、やうやく羽翼と、つて、阿布利カのエナオピアにまで、發展の手をはさんこすや、國際聯盟をかたじけ、自らは地中海に大艦隊を集結してまで、その雄圖を阻止せんとしたところの國も、また相対する英國であつた。

それが英國の傳統的國策である。この英國が、たゞ日本が南洋發展に對してだけ、寛大であると想像したならば、それこそ大度な見込みがしてある。

故にわれらは、海外發展に志を立つて前に、よつて一大覺悟を決してからねばならぬ。そり準備をして、迂闊に進出を策すまゝは、世界歴史を知らぬ無謀と云ふ地はない。

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これにも拘らず、われらは、海外發展の権利を、世界にむかって要だま。日本民族が、この独立なる島國に、野垂れ死するのを、やくじと知らず、いやしくも生きんと欲するならば、新天地を、廣く世界に求め、海外發展するうほかに、日本民族の活路、はなぶるで玉る。

世界はそれを拒むべき、何等の道義的権利をしたぬとは、至るに述べて通りである。

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尤も日本民族が地球上の人類の中で本體地と開墾する能  
力は外洋の外地を統治する素質として必ずしも有りません。それは問題  
外です。しかし日本民族の優秀な能力は、丁度試験立て  
所です。

勿れが二十年前、朝鮮と併合にとどき、今白色人種たちは  
何と言つたか、その當時彼等は世界の主人公に位置する多さには  
白色人種の多くが、自惚れをかねて彼等は曰く朝鮮  
半島には、一千萬の黒民族が住んでゐる。今して纏ての少數  
黒民族を、全く統治し得た実例は、世界歴史に一つもない。尤もヒ  
ンドゥーは、三億の先住民族がゐたけれど、これは人種と宗教と階  
級とくんで、四百五六十の民族である。今に僅に二千万の黒  
民族と統治するには、白色人種では難いところである。然  
るに有色人種には日本人が朝鮮半島を統治しようとしました。  
それが失敗し、手を焼いて手離すに至つた。今朝鮮は彼  
等は笑ひ合ひではなが。而も現在、朝鮮はどもるが。

今日朝鮮は、とうとう民は不平と鼓膜、産業は日  
進月歩に發達してゐる外地が、世界の何處にもあらず。鐵  
道と鐵軌道とくで、先住民族を圧迫するといふに統治  
の方法と、それが印旛流治とくで、日本が朝鮮は何で不樂  
天地であるが。

これはまた南方の台湾に見よ。日本が台湾と、英國の比律賓  
と、そして、英華帶かの二つに分る。しかも台湾は、今有りづ  
か十一年にて、統治の実績が著しく、今では日本、軍庫の二に數  
へりてゐる。而して、米國は一比律賓を有す。ついにこれは

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三井の手離せば行かば行かぬはどの被目に陥るにはいか  
事実は何をもとにしてゐる白色人種の人が世界の主人  
公である。この事は實に實相が如是である。日本民族は白色人  
種と、いかにも地理的優れた能力を有するが、事実が如  
かに示す如くである。

勿論、中國、過去に行き朝鮮や台湾の統治、全部  
に擴張する事は、順手にベキ勿論はあつて、必ずしも  
かく、それが中國をして、一方で白色人種の権利を  
統治する事は、日本民族の、臺灣香港の人間は  
多く、開拓する土地は幸福である。統治する事は幸  
福である。されば如何にかかわらず。

かく、全世界にかかる事は、必ずしも如是である。

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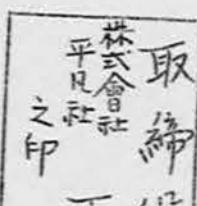
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